

### **DRAWING AMENDMENTS**

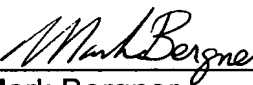
Amendments to the Drawings are reflected in the Replacement Pages attached as an Appendix to this amendment.

### REMARKS

The present Amendment revises the specification and claims to conform to United States patent practice, before examination of the present PCT application in the United States National Examination Phase. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.125 (b), applicants have concurrently submitted a substitute specification, excluding the claims, and provided a marked-up copy. All of the changes are editorial and applicant believes no new matter is added thereby. The amendment, addition, and/or cancellation of claims is not intended to be a surrender of any of the subject matter of those claims.

Early examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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**APPENDIX  
DRAWING CHANGES**

APPENDIX

AMENDMENT A  
PRIOR TO ACTION